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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Dai KOBAYASHI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

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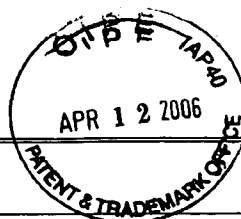
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO-AR have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References have been cited in the corresponding Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AS is discussed in the specification. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References AT is additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.



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